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- 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON LIABILITY ISSUE FOR U.S. PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN CAMPAIGN WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE USED IN CONVEYING OUR WISHES TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:
- 2. BEGIN ENGLISH TEXT DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL:

I REFER TO OUR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1975
RELATIVE TO AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS, AND TO THE FURTHER SERIES
OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS RELATIVE TO ILLEGAL TRAFFIC
IN NARCOTICS AND SUPPORT THEREOF PROVIDED BY THE UNITED
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STATE". INCLUDED IN SUCH SUPPORT, EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR INDIRECTLY ON A REIMBURSEMENT OF COST BASIS, ARE BOTH GROUND AND FLIGHT OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF MEXICAN AIRCRAFT BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO YOUR AIRCRAFT BY BOTH TYPES OF EMPLOYEES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE YOUR ASSURANCES THAT NEITHER SUCH PERSONNEL NOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERHMENT WILL BE LIABLE IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY, OR INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY PERSONS ARISING OUT OF SUCH OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

WE PROPOSE THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT INDEMNIFY AND SAFEGUARD THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ITS PERSONNEL, CONTRACTORS AND THEIR PERSONNEL WHO PERFORM SUCH OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED LIABILITIES.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, THIS LETTER AND YOUR REPLY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND REPLACE THE AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED LETTER.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO YOU THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND PERSONAL ESTEEM.

3. BEGIN SPANISH TEXT -

EXCELENTISIMO SENOR PROCURADOR GENERAL:

HAGO REFERENCIA A NUESTRO INTERCAMBIO DE CARTAS DEL 12 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1975, RELACIONADAS CON OPERACIONES DE AERONAVES, ASI COMO A LA SERIE SUBSIGUIENTE DE ACUERDOS COOPERATIVOS SOBRE LA CONTENCION DEL TRAFICO ILICITO DE NARCOTICOS Y EL APOYO QUE ESTADOS UNIDOS PRESTA A TALES ACUERDOS. DICHO APOYO INCLUYE, BIEN SEA DIRECTAMENTE POR EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS O INDIRECTAMENTE SOBRE LA BASE DEL REMBOLSO DE COSTOS, LAS OPERACIONES TERRESTRES Y AEREAS DE AERONAVES MEXICANAS POR PERSONAL DEL GOBIERNO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS Y PERSONAL NORTEAMERICANO BAJO CONTRATO.

EN RELACION CON DICHAS ACTIVIDADES DE OPERACIONES POR ESAS DOS CLASES DE EMPLEADOS RELATIVAS A VUESTROS AVIONES, EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DESEARIA CONTAR CON SUS SEGURIDADES DE QUE NI DICHO PERSONAL NI EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS SERAN RESPONSABLES EN EL CASO DE PERDIDAS O

PERJUICIOS A CUALQUIER PROPIEDAD, O POR LESIONES O MUERTE DE CUALESQUIERA PERSONAS, QUE EMANEN DE DICHAS ACTIVIDADES OPERACIONALES.

PROPONEMOS QUE EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO INDEMNICE Y SALVA-GUARDE AL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, A SU PERSONAL, A LOS CONTRATISTAS Y AL PERSONAL DE ESTOS ULTIMOS QUE REALI-ZZAN TALES ACTIVIDADES EN APOYO DEL PROGRAMA COOPERA-TIVO, RESPECTO DE LAS ACTIVIDADES ANTES MENCIONADAS. SI LO QUE ANTECEDE ES ACEPTABLE PARA EL GOBIERNO DE MEXICO, ESTA CARTA Y LA RESPUESTA DE VUESTRA EXCELENCIA CONSTITUI-RAN UN ACUERDO ENTRE NUESTROS DOS GOBIERNOS Y REEMPLAZARAN EL ACUERDO QUE SE EXPRESO EN LA CARTA MENCIONADA MAS ARRIBA.

APROVECHO ESTA OPORTUNIDAD PARA REITERAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ALTA CONSIDERACION Y ESTIMA PERSONAL. KISSINGER

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